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FOL REPEAT OF NICOSIA 1754 TO SECSTATE INFO ANKARA ATHENS
MAY 29

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C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 1754

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DEPT PASS BRUSSELS FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TU UK CY MASS PBOR PFOR PLOS PORG

SUBJ: BRIEFING CYPRIOTS ON SECRETARY'S ANKARA TALKS

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1. I PASSED SECRETARY'S ORAL MESSAGE (REFTEL) TO GOC FONMIN
CHRISTOPHIDES LATE MAY 29. CHRISTOPHIDES EXPRESSED APPRECIATION.
HE WELCOMED SECRETARY'S "GUARDED OPTIMISM" BUT SAID HE COULD
NOT IN ALL HONESTY SHARE IT. HE SAW VIRTUALLY ZERO PROSPECT OF
TURKISH FLEXIBILITY. PARTICULARLY DISCOURAGING, HE FELT, WAS
GOT'S INSISTENCE ON WINNING AGREEMENT ON ITS OWN CONCEPT OF A
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CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, I.E. ONE WITH LEAST POSSIBLE

AUTHORITY,
BEFORE BEING WILLING TO DISCUSS TERRITORY AND REFUGEES. THIS,
CHRISTOPHIDES SAID, SEEMED TO GOC A TRANSPARENT DEVICE DESIGNED
TO AVOID DISCUSSION OF THE KEY AND INTERRELATED ISSUES. HE
POINTED OUT (AS CLERIDES OFTEN HAS) THAT GOC CAN HARDLY MOVE
TOWARD TURKISH VIEW OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT UNTIL IT HAS CLEARER
VIEW OF WHAT IT WILL GET IN EXCHANGE IN TERMS OF TERRITORY
AND REFUGEE RETURN.
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